GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF PMGSY IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Forest Conservation Act, 1980 is the biggest hurdle in the implementation of the `Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana` particularly in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Union Government to remedy this hurdle?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b) Government of Himachal Pradesh have raised a concern that theprovisions of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 could come in the way of expeditious implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

2. With a view to finding an appropriate solution, the views of other State Governments, having large areas under forests, have been sought and are awaited.